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SUBJ: SYG'S APPEAL AND CONSULTATIONS ON LEBANON

1. SYG TODAY DISCUSSED LEBANESE CRISIS WITH AMB MOYNIHAN, OTHER SC PERMANENT MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES, AND SC PRESIDENT. THIS ACTIVITY FOLLOWED JANUARY 18 APPEAL (TEXT PARA 4) "TO ALL INVOLVED" TO HALT THE STRIFE AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE.

2. WALDHEIM TOLD MOYNIHAN THAT HE ISSUED HIS APPEAL BECAUSE LEBANESE AMB GHORRA HAD ON JANUARY 17 ASKED DESPERATELY FOR HELP. SYG SAID GHORRA NEVERTHELESS REALIZED LEBANESE CRISIS WAS INTERNAL AFFAIR, AND THERE WAS NO ACTION THAT
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SC COULD OR SHOULD TAKE.

3. WALDHEIM ALSO MET WITH FRENCH AMB DE GUIRINGAUD, WITH SC PRESIDENT SALIM AND WITH SYRIAN AND LIBYAN AMBASSADORS. (HE DID NOT CONFER WITH ISRAELIS.) SO FAR AS WE KNOW, ALL DISCOURAGED HIM FROM FURTHER ACTIVITY. LIBYAN AND SYRIAN AMBS WERE REPORTEDLY PARTICULARLY INSISTENT THAT SITUATION IN LEBANON WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH UN HAD NO PART.

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4. TEXT FOLLOWS OF SYG'S JANUARY 18 APPEAL:

QUOTE:

"THE DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND THE CONTINUED VIOLENCE, LOSS OF LIFE AND MASSIVE DESTRUCTION IN THAT COUNTRY ARE IN THEMSELVES TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS. THE OBVIOUS POTENTIAL DANGER TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE OF THIS NATIONAL TRAGEDY IS ALSO A MATTER FOR THE GRAVEST CONCERN TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I FEEL OBLIGED TO MAKE A FURTHER APPEAL TO THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF LEBANON.

"I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THAT COUNTRY. BUT I ALSO KNOW THE DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF LEBANON IN WORLD AFFAIRS, THE QUALITY, INTELLIGENCE AND TOLERANCE OF HER PEOPLE AND THE HIGH HOPES FOR THE FUTURE WHICH, UNTIL RECENTLY, WERE SHARED BY ALL ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION. THAT HERITAGE, THOSE QUALITIES AND THOSE HOPES MAY SOON BE IRREPARABLY DAMAGED OR LOST IF THE PRESENT STRIFE CONTINUES. NOT ONLY IS LEBANON'S OWN PLACE IN THE WORLD THREATENED -- HER TRAGEDY CAN ALL TOO EASILY LEAD TO DISASTROUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

"HOWEVER GREAT THE DIFFERENCES, HOWEVER VIOLENT THE EMOTIONS THAT NOW PREVAIL, THE CLEAR ALTERNATIVES FOR MOST OF THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON ARE EITHER PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND THE HOPE OF A DECENT FUTURE, OR CONTINUED STRIFE AND THE VIRTUAL DESTRUCTION OF THEIR COUNTRY.
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"ONCE AGAIN, THEREFORE, I APPEAL TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT, TO THE LEADERS OF ALL SIDES AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON TO PUT A STOP TO FRATRICIDAL STRIFE, AND TO SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER."
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